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Dear Mr. Meredith:

My sister, a retired college professor, and I, a former teacher of modern languages in high school, want you to know how much we admire your courage in con-

will not falter, and ~~that~~
you will be protected and
given the opportunity any
decent U S citizen should
have, of furthering your
education in peace.

We are praying ~~also that~~
the Christians of your state,
of whom there must be
many, will prevail against

sending to be the first
known Negro to enroll in
The University of Mississippi
(If it makes any difference
we are white.) You have
shown and are showing
courage greater than that
needed on a battlefield,
and we are praying that
your spirit and courage

The racial bigotry and cruelty
of the people who have brought
disgrace on their community
and state.

Because you have more
important things to deal with
than acknowledging letters
from well-wishers, we shall
sign ourselves only,

Two Northern friends.

October 2, 1962